



FIRST AMENDMENT DEMONSTRATION PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit requests must be submitted for approval by the Chief of Police at least 3 days prior to the event.

First Amendment demonstration means any demonstration, assembly, picketing, speechmaking, marching, protesting, vigil or religious service, and all other like forms of conduct, in or upon any street, including the sidewalk area thereof, park or other public place in the city, that involve the communication or expression of views or grievances, engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which is reasonably likely to draw a crowd or onlookers. City Code § 25-36.

No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form or start any First Amendment demonstration, consisting of twenty-five (25) or more persons, unless a First Amendment demonstration permit shall have been obtained from the chief of police. Any person engaging in any First Amendment demonstration for which a First Amendment demonstration permit has been issued shall not violate any of the conditions or provisions of such permit. This shall not apply to: A First Amendment demonstration consisting of less than twenty-five (25) persons or a spontaneous gathering. Organizers of a First Amendment demonstration consisting of less than twenty-five (25) persons or a spontaneous gathering are encouraged to give as much advanced notice as reasonably possible to permit the city to provide services necessary to promote, protect, and assure the safety and convenience of citizens in their use of city streets, sidewalks, parks, and of city property. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the city from enforcing other laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, conditions or provisions, adopted to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the city and its citizens. City Code § 25-39

*** Depending on the size and scope of the event, you may be referred to the Special Events permit process, which requires a minimum of 45 day notice. City Code § 25-40

Upon completion, please return this form to offduty@charleston-sc.gov.

Contact the CPD Special Events Office at 843-720-2459 with questions.

TITLE OF EVENT: Ace Mace DATE OF EVENT: April 5, 2025

APPLICANT:

Applicant Name: Lowcountry Up is Good, PAC, Inc.
Address: 32 Sawell St. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
Telephone number (primary): (843) 870-5299 secondary: (843) 870-4276
E-mail address: wjhamilton29464@gmail.com

*If parade is designed to be held by and on behalf of, or for any person other than the applicant, the applicant shall file along with this application a communication in writing from the person proposing to hold the parade, authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on his or her behalf. Absent such written authorization the applicant will be deemed to have applied for the permit in their own name and shall be deemed the responsible party.

ORGANIZATION (if applicable):

Name of Organization: Lowcountry Up is Good, PAC, Inc.
Head of Organization: William J. Hamilton, III
Address: 32 Sawell St, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
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RESPONSIBLE PARTY:Responsible Party Name: Laucaunty Up is Good, PAC, Inc.Address: 32 Savell St. Mt Pleasant, SC 29464Telephone number (primary): (843) 870-5299 secondary: (843) 870-4276E-mail address: wjhamilton29464@gmail.com**EVENT:**Location(s): 700 Island Park Dr. Charleston, SC ^{Daniel Is}Hours of event: 1 - 2:30 and 2:30 - 4 pmEstimated number of attendees: 150 per, Shift, 2 shiftsGeneral Description of Event: See attache memorandum

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No protest there.**GENERAL CONDITIONS:***City Code § 25-44 unless otherwise noted.*

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- 3) The conduct of the demonstration will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers of the city properly to police the line of movement and the areas contiguous thereto as to prevent normal police protection to the city.
- 4) The concentration of persons at assembly points of the demonstration will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection of areas contiguous to such assembly areas.

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- 5) The conduct of such demonstration will not interfere with the movement of firefighting equipment enroute to a fire.
- 6) The conduct of the demonstration is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property, or to provoke disorderly conduct.
- 7) The demonstration is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously, without unreasonable delays enroute and without passing by any location more than once.
- 8) If the demonstration is to be solely on the sidewalk areas of the city, the demonstration shall be in single file only of persons participating, with no animals, vehicles or other nonhuman objects except reasonably sized signs individually carried in the line of procession.

REGULATIONS:

City Code § 25-52 unless otherwise noted.

Notwithstanding the twenty-five (25) person threshold for First Amendment demonstration permits required in Division 2 of this article, the following regulations shall apply to First Amendment demonstrations and spontaneous gatherings of any size:

- 1) It shall be unlawful for demonstrations to disrupt, block, obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on or into any driveway, sidewalk, public right-of-way, building, pedestrian entrance, stairway, ramp, or other access to buildings, which abut the public sidewalks.
- 2) It shall be unlawful for a demonstration to occur within fifteen (15) feet from the outermost edge of any monument or memorial, to include fountains, sculptures, plaques, statues, markers, gazebos, objects and other architectural elements or structures with commemorative, historical, symbolic, aesthetic, or artistic significance in order to preserve the intended use of a monument or memorial and to ensure all persons' use and enjoyment and safe and unimpeded ingress and egress to and from such property.
- 3) It shall be unlawful for a demonstration to remain stationary in front of or to pass repeatedly by an individual's residence or dwelling.
- 4) It shall be unlawful during a demonstration to place any structure, enclosure, tent, tables, chairs, bicycles, motor vehicles, golf carts, mopeds or other equipment on any city property, or park any bicycles, motor vehicles, golf carts, mopeds or other equipment, except in designated parking spots and except as specifically authorized by the permit.
- 5) It shall be unlawful during a demonstration to remove, deface, damage, or otherwise injure any structure, sign, fence, equipment, improvement, monument or memorial, to include fountains, sculptures, plaques, statues, markers, gazebos, objects and other architectural elements or structures, including hanging, attaching or placing signs, flags, placards or any other object of any kind on such city property.
- 6) It shall be unlawful during a demonstration to walk, stand, sit, lie, or climb upon any wall, fence, shelter, tree, shrub, or other vegetation, or any structure, monument or memorial, to include fountains, sculptures, plaques, statues, markers, gazebos, objects and other architectural elements not designed or intended for such purposes.
- 7) It shall be unlawful during a demonstration to damage landscaping, plantings, flowers, trees, shrubs, grass, ground cover or other vegetation located on city property.
- 8) It shall be unlawful during a demonstration to enter onto private property without prior written permission from the property owner.
- 9) It shall be unlawful during a demonstration to enter onto federal, state, or county property without prior written permission from the applicable governmental agency.

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- 11) Participants of a demonstration shall comply with lawful directions or instructions set forth on any sign posted pursuant to law or by the city for or in connection with the event.
- 12) Participants of a demonstration shall abide by city park rules if the demonstration is held in a city park and shall not interfere with the intended use of the park or interrupt the reasonable use and enjoyment of the park by non-participants.
- 13) Participants of a demonstration shall abide by and be subject to all local, state and federal laws, ordinances, and regulations and any directions given by a law enforcement officer.
- 14) It shall be unlawful for any person(s), participating in a First Amendment demonstration for which a permit has been issued, to openly carry a firearm. Organizers may be directed to post signs indicating the specific area open carry of firearms are prohibited. *City Code § 25-38b*

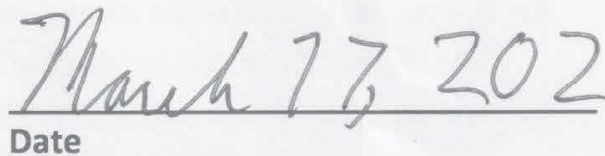
Nothing in this section prohibits a law enforcement officer from issuing a command to disperse in the event of a riot, breach of the peace, disorderly conduct or other unlawful assembly.

Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the city from enforcing other laws, ordinances, or regulations.

Nothing in this section is intended to restrict free speech or any other constitutional right.

By initialing each page of this application and signing below, as the applicant, I hereby agree to the above general conditions, regulations, and any other special conditions imposed as part of the approval process. Failure to follow the conditions of this permit or violations of related ordinances is a criminal violation subject to arrest and/or citation. *City Code § 25-55*


Applicant


Date

Upon completion, please return this form to offduty@charleston-sc.gov. A member of the CPD Special Events Office will acknowledge receipt of applications submitted within one business day.

The chief of police shall act upon the application for a First Amendment demonstration permit within one (1) week after the filing thereof, or, if the application was filed less than seven (7) days before the proposed demonstration, then within two (2) days after the filing thereof. If the chief of police disapproves the application, he shall provide written notice to the applicant within two (2) days after the date of his determination, or within a reasonably practical time period, a notice of denial, stating the reasons for his denial of the permit.

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-----CPD SPECIAL EVENT OFFICE USE ONLY:-----

Special Events Committee Advised Date: _____

Ace Mace Demonstration, Location View

Sat. April 5, 2025 (1 to 4 pm) on public right of way in front of office of US Rep. Nancy Mace



Ace Mace Demonstration, Overhead View

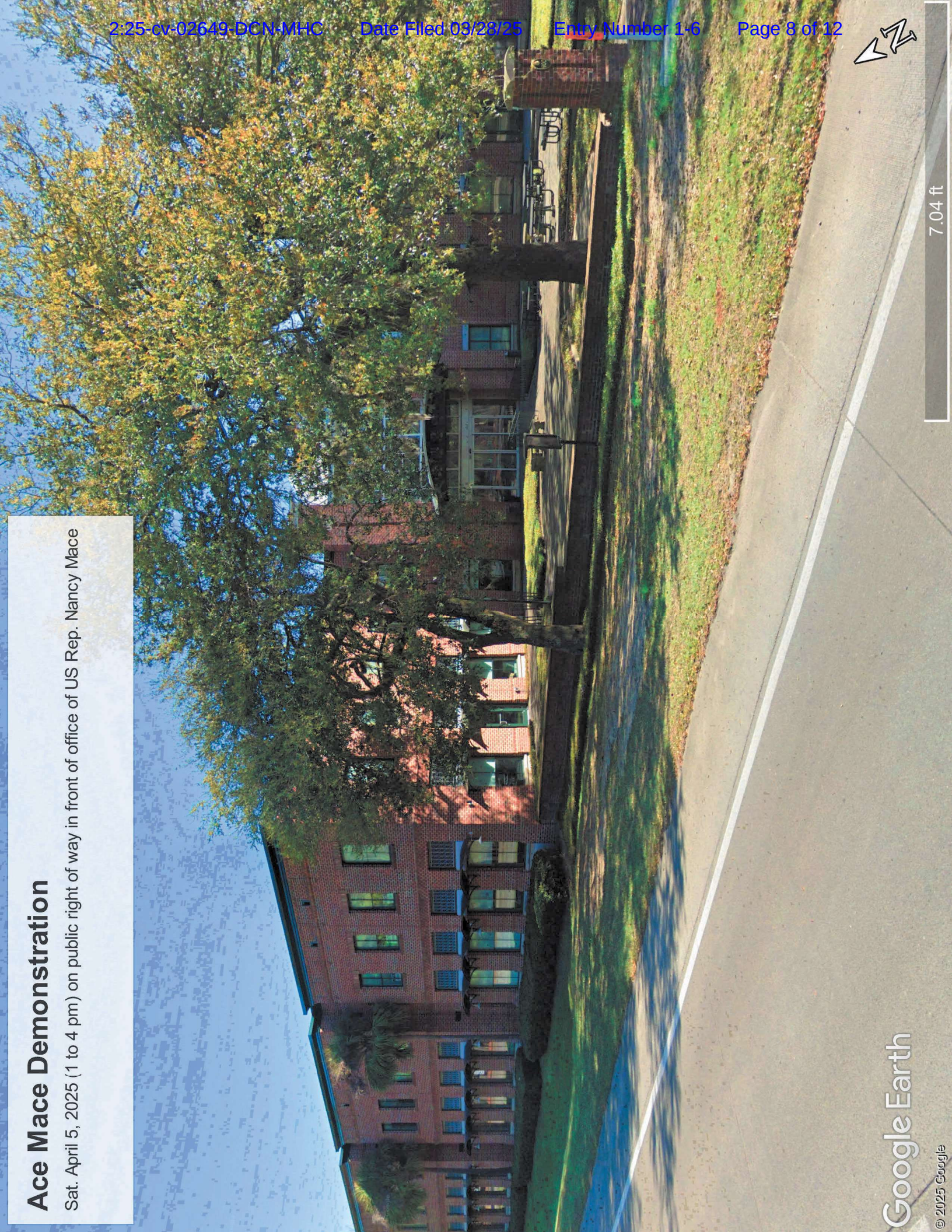
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Ace Mace Demonstration Apr. 5, 2025 Safety Plan

Safety and Operation Plan by Demonstration Sponsor
Lowcountry Up is Good, PAC

Written by William J. Hamilton, III,
Attorney at Law, SC Bar #2636, Admitted Nov. 25, 1985
Executive Director, Lowcountry Up is Good, PAC, Inc.



Mar 17, 2025 7:00 AM GMT-12

This document should be reviewed with site maps in hand. Both the [orientation map showing the surrounding area](#) and [the one block site map](#) are online for open share. We also have a [street level view](#) online.

Demonstration will take place from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, April 5, 2025, with two shifts of 90 minutes. It will take place in the public right of way in front of the local office of US Representative Nancy Mace at 900 Island Park Drive on Daniel Island in Charleston, SC. The demonstration will actually front on River Island Drive. This is on the main road out of downtown Daniel Island, the busiest road on the Island. Setup should begin about 12 noon and the site should be clear and clean by 4:30.

It is believed that Nancy Mace removed her local office to this remote location to reduce the amount of contact she had with her constituents. Her previous office location was on Coleman Blvd. in urban Mt. Pleasant on the CARTA #41 Bus Line and in the midst of the largest concentration of her constituents within the district. Her staff actively discourages visits to the office, which is very poorly located, but is within walking distance of Mace's Home, a convenience most of her constituents, trapped on weak transit or in congested traffic up to hours a day, would envy. It is emblematic of her self-absorbed approach to serving in Congress, which is increasingly about her personal priorities and needs.

Demonstration Details

The demonstration space (see attached maps) is approximately 100 feet long and runs from a point 10 feet from the corner North. The public right of way space is approximately 20 feet wide (undoubtedly planned for future road expansion) and consists of grass. Landscaping and a brick wall delineates the privately owned property of the real estate company which leases office space to Mace. We'll demonstrate in a ten foot wide area centered in the public right of way, designated by traffic cones on the South End and landscaping flags along the edge. We'll stay 5 feet from the roadway. There is no sidewalk and no real reason for pedestrians to transit this area.

The police can designate a location for counter protesters across either street near the demonstration, which will provide separation of over 30 feet.

A 10x10 foot pop up tent will be positioned in the center of the demonstration space. This will provide rest and wellness care for elderly and disabled participants in the demonstration and hydration and snacks for all participants. A cot and chairs will be located within the tent. The tent will be held down with weight bags, not stakes. It will also serve as the studio space for the live stream and PA management. The litter collection receptacles for the demonstration will be positioned here.

Participants will be asked to bring a full, reusable water bottle for hydration.

Sound reinforcement will consist of one Fender 150 passport conference sound system with speakers facing North and South from the tent. A sound board will be used to patch that into the live stream sound feed. Emergency sound reinforcement will be provided by a 15 watt handheld megaphone. The Fender 150 is a fairly small system and won't be audible 200 feet from the demonstration site. It won't interfere with traffic. Use of this system is considered essential to maintaining an effective and safe demonstration and permission using it will be litigated in Federal Court if necessary.

Legal support will be provided by members of Petigru Free Speech Defense, which will be reactivated for this event and resume local operations. Lawyers will be SC Licensed and consist of onsite monitors coordinating with event staff and offsite support. The entire demonstration, including setup, will be video recorded.



Image, Left - Our Mary Flag, which will fly over the Demonstration honors the late Mary Smith, a supporting member of Lowcountry Up is Good, an activist who died of poorly treated chronic disease in fall 2019 after a years long struggle with illness, inadequate transit, lack of affordable housing, problems with climate, inadequate wages and inequality. She appeared as Syphide, the Spirit of Motion, the fairy mascot of Best Friends of Lowcountry Transit for two years before becoming too ill to continue.

Participants will be asked to wear a color corresponding with their cause:

- Green for Transit,
- Brown for Affordable Housing;
- Red for Education
- Orange reflective work vests for Labor Advocates
- Blue for Women's rights,
- Yellow for healthcare and reproductive rights advocates
- Pridewear/rainbow for LGBTQ issues.

Groups will be positioned along the road, within the demonstration space by die roll shortly before the demonstration begins. The order will be reversed for the 2nd shift. Participants will be asked to wear close toed shoes, a hat and bring a full, reusable water bottle. They'll be asked to go to the bathroom prior to attending the demonstration. We have the capability to deploy a camp toilet in a small tent if permitted. We do not plan on using bathrooms owned by local businesses. Participants will be asked to carpool or rideshare from CARTA bus stops in N. Charleston and Mt. Pleasant. Participants will not be allowed to use sticks to support their signs per state law. Participants who may need it will be encouraged to bring their own folding chairs.

The Demonstration will be limited to 150 participants per shift. Participants can sign up online prior to the demonstration or come to the site for admission and granting of participant credentials (a custom made sovereign button) during the demonstration. If the maximum number of participants is exceeded, a waiting area will be established nearby at Governor's Park, one block South of the Demonstration site. As people leave, we'll call those on the waiting list signup to come up and participate. There will be no demonstration at the park to minimize the areas the police need to patrol.

There will be a change of the participants at 2:30 with those leaving departing for their cars while handing their signs and other demonstration equipment over to the people coming in. This will be done in phases, by affinity group, starting at 2:30.

The demonstration will end at 4:00 pm, with pickup and litter clean up to immediately follow.

Staff and Organization

- William J. Hamilton, III, Attorney at Law, will serve as demonstration director, with general supervising authority, he will serve as the main liaison with the Police. He will also work with the legal protection team members on and off site.
- Erin McKee, an experienced and professionally trained Union Organizer, will be safety coordinator and work on permit compliance and maintaining good, positive order
- Merrill Chapman will serve as program and speaker coordinator. She'll organize speakers and music.
- Carol Dotterer will assist Merrill with speakers and program
- We will also have a health and comfort coordinator to assist with making sure participants are comfortable and safe.
- Demonstration Marshals will be designated and placed at the North, South and Central positions on the Demonstration line. They will assist McKee in maintaining a strict policy of non interaction with MAGA counter protesters.



Image, left, Pastor Thomas Dixon is an active supporter of Lowcountry Up is Good and spoke at the recent demonstration at Hampton Park.

- One ranger will patrol areas near the demonstration to look out for possible problems approaching the demonstration so that we can maintain readiness of our staff and participants

- Donna Marie Ellington will serve as social media proctor and work off site to promote awareness before, during and after the event.

While advance registration to participate will be done online via Eventbrite, there is a Facebook event page where we are already posting updates at https://www.facebook.com/events/987553909990774?active_tab=about

Lowcountry Up is Good's goal is to present a safe, orderly and effective demonstration which is deliberately set for the busiest tourism weekend of Charleston's year. Unfortunately the needs of tourists and real estate investors consistently trump our quality of life and local survival needs.

Justification for Ace Mace Social Justice Action

Charleston is rated the best place in the US to vacation, but low wages and a rising cost of living drive citizens to desperation. Working residents spend hours snarled in traffic, missing time with their children who struggle alone to learn through homework what their schools seem incapable of teaching. Mace ignores her constituents and these issues while pursuing the Republican nomination for Governor of SC and seeking profile on right wing media through sexuality connected culture war issues. On the only weekend of the year when every Charleston area hotel room is full, we will point out the lack of focus leaders like Rep. Mace have on issues like reliable transit, affordable housing, a living wage, education, healthcare and human rights.

As progressive South Carolinians we accept the reality of living in a red state, however, that does not mean it is acceptable for a US Representative to dodge contact with the people she represents while they stagger under collapsing federal safety net programs, a rapidly rising cost of living and the loss of the cultural and environmental opportunities which once made living in the SC Low Country more attractive than it is now. Our position as working citizens here is unsustainable, even for conservative Republicans.

Our Congresswoman should be holding town halls, connecting with the people she represents and working towards a better future for all our children, red and blue. While we cannot hope to find common cause with MAGA Trumpublicans, it is the duty of our Congresswoman to hear and represent us all. In areas where our interests coincide such as cost of living, traffic and housing, it continues to be her duty to act in the Congress in the best interest of our entire district.

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